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2. A reference entitled, "Role of Endogenous Regucalcin in Transgenic Rats: Suppression of Kidney Cortex Cytosolic Protein Phosphatase Activity and Enhancement of Heart Muscle Microsomal Ca²⁺-ATPase Activity" J Cell. Biochem., 86:520-529 (hereinafter "Yamaguchi et al."), names five authors: Masayoshi Yamaguchi, Yoshiko Morooka, Hiroyuki Misawa, Yoshinori Tsurusaki, and Rie Nakajima. As stated above, the inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the present invention is M. Yamaguchi. Thus, the authors of

Yamaguchi et al. are not "others" as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as to the inventive entity of this application, as one of the inventors is a named authors of Yamaguchi *et al.*

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